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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-69211, published March 9, 1999 with Abstract only attached.
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 3-266739, published November 27, 1991 with Abstract only attached.
3. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-86613, published March 30, 1999 with Abstract only attached.

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2-61282, published March 1, 1990 with Abstract only attached.
5. Microfilm of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 2-14070, published February 14, 1990 (corresponds to Japanese Unexamined Utility Model Application No. 3-107624, published November 6, 1991).
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7. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-186813, published July 14, 1998 with Abstract only attached.

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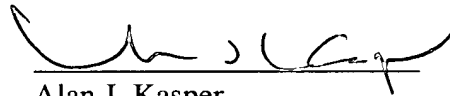
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